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# Resentment of Powers Rather Shocking

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NOW that Francis Gary Powers has been found guilty of no crimes except that of being an ordinary human being, one wonders idly where the vindictive Boadiceas of the Nathan Hale patriotic and marching society will turn next for a target.

It was the gentle spook of the martyred Hale that was invoked by the valorous legions of fireside patriots who were outraged because Mr. Powers had not destroyed his aircraft, skragged himself, or made some ringing declaration a la Hale from the prisoner's dock in Moscow.

A commission appointed at the behest of President Kennedy has found that Mr. Powers, however ordinary and non-heroic an airplane driver he was, did an acceptable job of discharging his obligations when his U-2 broke up high over Soviet Russia.

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The accident that brought his aircraft down (there is no proof that a Soviet rocket did it) made it impossible for him to destroy the plane, and it is quite clear now that he was under no orders to take his own life.

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